

ACCESS SERVICE

Regulations, Rates and Charges  
applying to the provision of Access Service  
for connection to interstate communications  
facilities for Interstate Customers within  
the operating territory of the

RHINELANDER TELEPHONE COMPANY

in the State of Wisconsin

as provided herein.

All material contained herein is new.

Access Services are provided by means of wire, fiber optics, radio or any  
other suitable technology or a combination thereof.

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

None

CONNECTING CARRIERS

None

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

None

REGISTERED SERVICE MARKS

None

REGISTERED TRADEMARKS

None

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) - To signify changed regulation
- (D) - To signify discontinued rate of regulation
- (I) - To signify increase
- (M) - To signify matter relocated without change
- (N) - To signify new rate or regulation
- (R) - To signify reduction
- (S) - To signify reissued matter
- (T) - To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation
- (Z) - To signify a correction

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1. Application of Tariff

1.1 This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Carrier Common Line, End User Access, Switched Access and Special Access Services, Lifeline Assistance, Universal Service Fund, and other miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to collectively as service(s), provided by the Rhinelander Telephone Company, hereinafter referred to as the Telephone Company, to customers. This tariff also contains Access Ordering charges that are applicable when these services are ordered or modified by the customer. Pursuant to the Commission's Rules at Section 69.4(c), 69.5(d), 69.104(1), 69.116, 69.117, 69.603(c), and 69.603(d), regulations concerning administration and billing of Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund, rates and charges for these carrier's carrier elements are contained in Section 8 of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. The National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., will bill and collect all Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund charges on behalf of the Telephone Company.

1.2 The provision of such service by the Telephone Company as set forth in this tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the Customer for the furnishing of any service.

2. General Regulations

3. Carrier Common Line Access Service

The regulations for Sections 2 and 3 above are the same as those contained in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

Specific cross reference is, therefore, made to NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5., Sections 2 and 3.

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4. End User Access Service

The Telephone Company will provide End User Access Service (End User Access) to end users who obtain local exchange service from the Telephone Company under its general and/or local exchange tariffs.

4.1 General Description

End User Access provides for the use of an End User Common Line (EUCL).

4.2 Limitations(A) Exclusions

Neither a telephone number nor detail billing is provided with End User Access. Directory listings and Intercept arrangements are not included with End User Access.

(B) Lifeline Assistance

Lifeline Assistance plans may reduce or eliminate End User Access charges to certain qualifying end users. Jurisdictions where such locally approved assistance plans are in effect are set forth in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 Section 17.1.3.

4.3 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

The Telephone Company will provide End User Access at rates and charges as set forth in 17.1.2 following, as follows:

- Use of an EUCL by an end user in connection with interstate Access Services provided under this tariff. Such use will be provided when the end user obtains local exchange service.
- The Telephone Company will be responsible for contacts and arrangements with customers for the billing of End User Access charges.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)4.4 Obligations of Radio Common Carriers

When the end user is a Radio Common Carrier (RCC) or provider of paging service, such end users shall designate whether the local exchange service they are provided by the Telephone Company is used as an access line for RCC or paging services, or used as an administrative line.

4.5 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances4.5.1 Minimum Period

The minimum period for which EUCL End User Access is provided to an end user and for which charges are applicable is the same as that in the general and/or local exchange tariffs for the associated local exchange service.

4.5.2 Cancellation of Orders

End User Access is cancelled when the order for the associated local telephone exchange service is cancelled. No cancellation charges apply.

4.5.3 Changes to Orders

When changes are made to orders for the local exchange service associated with End User Access, any necessary changes will be made for End User Access. No charges will apply.

4.5.4 Allowance for Interruptions

When there is an interruption to an EUCL, requested End User Access credit allowances for interruptions will be provided as set forth for credit allowance for interruptions in 2.4.4 preceding.

4.5.5 Temporary Suspension of Service

When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service which is associated with EUCL, one-half of the EUCL per month charge will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.



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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.6 Rate Regulations

4.6.1 Who is Billed

EUCL per month charges will be billed to the end user of the associated Local Exchange Service.

4.6.2 Multiparty Service

The EUCL charge for each multiparty subscriber shall be assessed as if such subscriber had subscribed to single-party service.

4.6.3 Semi-Public Service

For the purposes of the EUCL charge, a semi-public service shall be deemed to be the same as a business line if the subscriber pays a rate that is not described as a residential rate in the local exchange tariff.

4.6.4 Business Services

(A) Single Line Service

When an end user is provided a single local business exchange service in a state, semi-public service and multiparty service included, and when this local business exchange service is provided under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, the EUCL Single Line Business - Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in 17.1.2(B) following, applies to each such business individual line or trunk. In the case of multiparty service each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.6 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

4.6.4 Business Services (Cont'd)

(B) Multiline Service

When an end user is provided more than one local business exchange service in a state by the same Telephone Company, semi-public service and multiparty service included, and when a local exchange service is provided under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs that is not covered by (C) following (Centrex), the EUCL-Multiline Business - Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in 17.1.2(D) following, applies to each such Multiline Business individual line or trunk. In the case of multiparty service each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)4.6 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)4.6.4 Business Services (Cont'd)(C) Centrex CO and Centrex CO-like Services

For business Centrex CO and business Centrex CO-like service lines or trunks, the EUCL-Centrex CO rate as set forth in 17.1.2(D) or (E) following applies to each business line or trunk.

Centrex CO is a service that (1) uses a portion of a Telephone Company switch located at the Telephone Company central office to meet the customer's internal needs and serves as the customer's interface with the local and interexchange networks and (2) links the customer's main stations to the Telephone Company switch with subscriber loops.

Centrex CO-like services are services (e.g., ESSX, Centron, Centraflex, Airport Service, Hotel-Motel Service) that operate in a manner that is substantially the same as Centrex CO and (1) are provided using switches located at Telephone Company central offices and (2) link customer main stations to the Telephone Company switch with subscriber loops.

Centrex CO or CO-like service provided to a college, university or school may serve both the college, university or school offices and the student or faculty dormitory (residential) quarters. When provided to residential quarters, the residential portion of the service is commonly known as dormitory service. Residential charges will apply to lines to the student or faculty dormitory (residential) quarters as set forth in 17.1.2(C) following. Business charges for lines to the university, college or school offices will apply as set forth in 17.1.2(D) or (E) following. Charges shall be based on the number of residence and business lines reported to the Telephone Company by the end user.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.6 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

4.6.5 Radio Common Carriers

For each local exchange service used only as a path for the transmission of Radio Common Carrier (RCC) traffic between the Telephone Company serving wire center and the RCC's radio equipment, End User Access charges do not apply. End User Access Charges will apply to the Radio Common Carrier's local exchange service used for administrative purposes. This shall also include those Radio Common Carriers providing maritime service under Part 81 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

A Radio Common Carrier is described as a common carrier engaged in the provision of Public Mobile Service, as defined in Part 22 of the FCC Rules and Regulations which is not also in the business of providing landline local exchange telephone service.

4.6.6 Remote Call Forwarding

For each local exchange service provided as Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) residential or business service, under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, End User Access charges do not apply.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.6 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

4.6.7 Residence Services

(A) Single Line and Multiline Service

When an end user is provided local residence exchange service(s) in a state, semi-public service and multiparty service included, and when the local residence exchange service is provided under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, the EUCL Residence - Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in 17.1.2(A) following, applies to each such local residence exchange service. In the case of multiparty service each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL. These rates may be reduced as set forth in 4.6.8 following (Telephone Lifeline Assistance).

(B) Centrex CO and CO-Like Dormitory Service

Regulations concerning the application of EUCL charges to student or faculty dormitory (residential) quarters served by Centrex CO or CO-like service are set forth in 4.6.4(C) preceding.

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4. End User Access Service (Cont'd)4.6 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)4.6.8 Telephone Lifeline Assistance(A) Without F.C.C. Certification

When an end user is provided a local residence exchange service and the residential local exchange rate for the end user is reduced for end users meeting a state established means test that is subject to verification, the applicable EUCL Residence - Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in 17.1.2(A) following, shall be reduced by 50 percent, if the local exchange rate reduction is an equivalent amount as provided for in Paragraph 69.104(j) of Part 69 of the F.C.C. Rules and Regulations.

(B) With F.C.C. Certification

When an end user is provided a local residence exchange service and the residential local exchange rate is reduced for end users eligible for a telephone lifeline assistance plan requiring verification and approval by the FCC as provided for in paragraph 69.104(k) of Part 69 of the FCC Rules and Regulations, the EUCL Residence - Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in 17.1.2(A) following shall be reduced. The End User Common Line charge shall be reduced for a single telephone line to the household's principal residence to the extent of the state assistance, or waived in full if the state assistance equals or exceeds the residential End User Common Line Charge.

Approved jurisdictions for lifeline assistance plans implemented as provided for in Paragraph 69.104(k) of Part 69 of the FCC Rules and Regulations are listed in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Section 17.1.3.

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16. Primary Exchange Carrier and Secondary Exchange Carrier Billing Arrangements

The regulations for the above tariff sections are the same as those contained in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Access Service.

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17. Rates and Charges

All Tariff Section References contained herein are to the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

17.1 Common Line Access Service

17.1.1 Carrier Common Line Access Service

Regulations concerning Carrier Common Line Access are set forth in Section 3 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

Carrier Common Line Rates are set forth in the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, at Section 17.1.1.

17.1.2 End User Access Service

Regulations concerning End User Access Service are set forth in Section 4.5 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

(A) End User Common Line (EUCL) -  
Residence

- Individual line or trunk, each \$3.50

(B) End User Common Line (EUCL) -  
Single Line Business

- Individual line or trunk, each \$3.50

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.1 Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)17.1.2 End User Access Service (Cont'd)Rate  
Per  
Month(C) End User Common Line (EUCL) -  
Centrex CO and CO-Like Dormitory  
Service

- Individual line or trunk, each

(D) End User Common Line (EUCL) -  
Multiline Business including  
Centrex CO and CO-Like ordered  
on or after July 28, 1983

- Individual line or trunk, each

\$5.50 (R)

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.1 Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

17.1.3 Lifeline Assistance Plan

Reserved for future use.

17.1.4 Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund Charges

Regulations concerning lifeline assistance charges are set forth in Section 8 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

Lifeline assistance charge rates are set forth in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Section 17.1.4(A).

17.2 Switched Access Service

Regulations concerning switched access service are set forth in Section 6 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

Rates for switched access service are set forth in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Section 6.

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service

Regulations concerning switched access service are set forth in Section 7 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

Rates for special access service are set forth in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Section 17.3.

17.4 Other Services

Regulations for other services are set forth in Sections 5 and 13 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

Rates for other services are set forth in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Section 17.4.